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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A piezoelectric/electrostrictive device includes a pair of mutually opposing thin  
plate sections made of metal and a fixation section for supporting the thin plate sections.  
One or more piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements are arranged on at least one thin plate  
section of the pair of thin plate sections. An object is attached to forward end portions of  
the pair of thin plate sections. An areal size of a surface of the object interposed between  
the thin plate sections is larger than an areal size of an object attachment surface of the  
10 thin plate sections.

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